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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
10 Plaintiff,) 3:14-cv-0229-LRH-VPC
11 v.)
12 \$40,200.00 IN UNITED STATES)
13 CURRENCY,)
14 Defendant.)
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15 Before the court is the United States' motion to strike the answer of claimant Eric L.
16 Christensen ("Christensen") (Doc. #9). Doc. #11.

17 This is a civil forfeiture action. On April 30, 2014, the United States filed a complaint for
18 forfeiture of \$40,200.00 in United States currency. Doc. #1. In response, Christensen filed an
19 answer to the complaint. Doc. #9. Thereafter, the United States filed the present motion to strike.
20 Doc. #11.

21 In the motion to strike, the United States argues that Christensen's answer should be
22 stricken because he failed to first file a verified claim, the filing of which is a jurisdictional
23 prerequisite to Christensen's participation in the forfeiture proceeding. *See* Doc. #11. However,
24 after the filing of the motion to strike Christensen filed both a verified notice of claim (Doc. #13)
25 and an amended answer (Doc. #14). The filing of the amended answer supersedes the original
26 answer in its entirety. Further, because the amended answer was filed after Christensen filed a

1 verified claim, he has met the jurisdictional threshold to participate in this action. Therefore, the
2 court shall deny the United States' motion to strike.

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4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the United States' motion to strike (Doc. #11) is
5 DENIED.

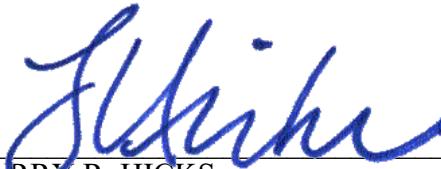
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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DATED this 7th day of November, 2014.

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9 LARRY R. HICKS
10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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